

Minutes from 1-28-08 NDICC Meeting:

Present: JoAnne Hoesel, Brenda Patzner, Judy Freund, Florence Hilzendeger, Sen. Dick Dever, Linda Jagielo, Laura Larson, Steve Olson, Jill Staudinger, Roxane Romanick, Tammy Gallup-Millner, Shawnda Ereth, Deb Balsdon, Collette Perkins

Announcements:

- Deb Balsdon reported that Bob Rutten, state special education director, has been selected to be appointed to the NDICC as the state special education representative.
- Linda Jagielo reported that North Dakota is collaborating with Pre-K Now to address state funding for public preschool. This effort is coming through North Dakota's Commission on Education.
- Tammy Gallup-Millner reported that Children Special Health Care Services is partnering with NDCPD to submit a MCH-B grant.
- Deb Balsdon reported that the Medicaid waiver for services to children who have medically fragile conditions has been formally submitted.
- Deb Balsdon reported that the state is partnering on a number of initiatives relating to services to persons with an autism spectrum diagnosis.

Membership:

We are currently awaiting appointment of the parent representatives from Region VII and Region II. No names have been submitted for the Region II parent or a higher education representative.

Annual Performance Report:

Roxane asked members for feedback on whether the Council should file a separate annual report to the governor or submit the APR to him. No recommendations. The APR will be submitted to him.

Indicator #1

Recommendations: Review of hearing screening and identification improvement activities. Recommend further coordination with the EDHI project.

Indicator #2:

Recommendations:

- Be careful of language that designates an intervention as appropriate or inappropriate.
- Need a definition of when a determination is made for medically-based therapy.
- Forward information on the Natural Environment Principles to the Council members.
- Investigate the increased use of the child care health consultants when working with physicians/medical providers.
- Comment: Difference in provider styles in Early Intervention confuses families.
- Insure that the Part C budget includes monies for crafting and marketing Early Intervention services accurately.

Indicator #3:

Recommendations:

- Include child care health consultants into training with the Oregon tool.

Indicator #4:

Recommendations:

- Consider getting the information on the results of the family survey back to families in a family-friendly manner.
- Consider an on-line option for families. Keep both a hard copy and on-line option available.
- Add a note on the cover letter about calling for help. Have regions let families know that they can get help with completing the survey.

Indicator #5:

Recommendations:

None

Indicator #6:

Recommendations:

- Coordinate training for Right Track providers with Infant and Toddler Trainers with Child Care Resource and Referral

Indicator #7:

Recommendations:

- Expand current polycom trainings to other community partners who have infant and toddler interests.

Indicator #8:

Comment:

- Concern with different measurements used for determining DD eligibility in different parts of the state. Continue to be concerned about using adult criteria for DD eligibility for children.

Indicator #9:

Discussion on what information should be provided since OSEP is only asking for the number of corrections completed on earlier found noncompliance.

Consensus was to provide OSEP with information as per requested.

Agenda items for March:

- Discussion on sanctions/rewards for addressing non-compliance.
- Reports from RICC regarding the strengths and weaknesses from a regions' perspective. Highlight promising practices region to region
- Report on new national Children with Special Health Care Needs survey - Tammy Gallup-Millner